

**Michigan Emergency Planning and
Community Right-to-Know Commission**
MISSION STATEMENT
GOALS & OBJECTIVES for 2003/2004

Mission:

To provide leadership in implementing the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and to make recommendations for the coordination of hazardous materials enforcement, response, planning and training in the state of Michigan.

GOALS:

- 1. To provide Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) with the support necessary to perform the tasks mandated under Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and to continue to support the development of high quality off site emergency plans (individual or consolidated), useful to emergency responders, completed for each SARA Title III 302 facility.**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. EMD HazMat planners will attend District meetings to update local Emergency Management Coordinators on SERC activities. *Assigned to EMD staff.*
- B. To provide staff assistance and support to all LEPCs in carrying out their responsibilities. *Assigned to EMD and DEQ staffs and Local Program Subcommittee.*
- C. Maintain plan guidelines for LEPCs and fire departments. *Assigned to EMD staff.*
- D. Hold training sessions for local fire departments, emergency management personnel, and LEPC members on implementing planning guidelines. *Assigned to EMD staff and Planning Subcommittee.*
- E. Explore partnerships with associations that can provide resources to assist LEPCs. *Assigned to Local Program Subcommittee.*

- 2. To maintain an effective Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission (SERC) with active members representing all organizations impacted by Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III and accessible to all Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs).**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Provide training to SERC members as needed. *Assigned to Training Committee.*
- B. Broaden participation in SERC meetings and activities by other stakeholders in the SARA Title III process. *Assigned to EMD and DEQ staff as directed by SERC members.*

3. **To study and make recommendations that provide for efficient state level coordination of hazardous materials planning, training, response, and enforcement.**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Assess and address legislative and regulatory issues, as needed. *Assigned to SERC members as appropriate.*
- B. Support the continued development and implementation of the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact (MEMAC). *Assigned to Planning Subcommittee.*
- C. Develop recommendations to provide SARA Title III training and education to emergency responders and LEPCs. *Assigned to Training and Education Subcommittee.*

4. **To identify funding sources for Michigan Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Commission (SERC) and Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) activities.**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Explore other federal funding opportunities (i.e., Homeland Security, FEMA, DOJ, etc.) for the SERC and LEPC's. *Assigned to EMD staff.*

5. **To attain active and effective Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) in each established emergency planning district.**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Focus SERC efforts on planning districts where the objectives of SARA Title III may not yet be met. *Assigned to Local Program Subcommittee.*
- B. SERC members attend two LEPC meetings a year. *Assigned to SERC members.*
- C. Report on LEPCs' outputs by percentage of plans completed. *Assigned to EMD staff.*
- D. Evaluate our current strategy to increase recognition of active LEPCs. *Assigned to Local Program Subcommittee.*
- E. Assist in the restructuring of LEPC planning districts, as requested. *Assigned to SERC members and EMD staff.*
- F. Review the publication and revise as necessary, LEPCs: Organizing for Success, and determine the feasibility of standards or recommended guidelines for LEPCs. *Assigned to EMD staff.*
- G. Develop and implement an action plan for consideration on assuring active LEPCs throughout the state and the development of the required 302 plans. *Assigned to EMD staff and Local Program Subcommittee.*

6. **To provide regulated entities with the education, training, resources, and guidance necessary to comply with Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III Community Right-to-Know and to achieve 100% compliance in Title III reporting, with accurate and timely information available to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and the public.**

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Continue outreach training to all groups. *EMD and DEQ staff.*
 - B. Develop and implement new communication methods with the regulated community. *Assigned to Information Exchange Subcommittee.*
 - C. Review and provide recommendations on how to remove barriers and provide incentives to regulated entities to comply with SARA Title III reporting. *Assigned to Information Exchange Subcommittee.*
 - D. Develop an effective SERC website with appropriate links. *Assigned to Information Exchange Subcommittee.*
7. Explore the role of the SERC and LEPC's relative to the mission of the Michigan Homeland Security Task Force and its Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee.
- A. Develop a white paper of issues to be considered by the SERC. *Assigned to a special subcommittee chaired by the SERC Chairperson.*